



City of Seattle

Advocacy and Victim Services Strategy

Goal: Design and implement a comprehensive City victim advocacy service plan that includes community advocacy and service linkage.

Objectives	Procedural Steps	Responsible Parties/ Milestones	Intermediate Measures	Resources
1. Clarify the role of victim advocate within the criminal justice system that focuses on victim safety and system accountability.	1. Review historical practices in the field in order to arrive at clarity in defining the role of the victim advocate.	Lead: CAO/Victim Advocate participants to include reps from SPD and VST Technical Assistance: DSVPO Begin May 2005 — end December 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Notebooks with research for interagency distribution. ▪ A report about historical practices. ▪ Summary report of new procedures related to victim advocates role in the criminal justice system. ▪ Policy statement on the role of victim advocates across agency lines. 	Planning & Development Specialist: .25 FTE
	2. Clarify and compare current victim advocates role in victim's safety and for system accountability.	Lead: CAO/Victim Advocate participants to include reps from SPD and VST Technical Assistance: DSVPO Begin June 2005 — end December 2005		
	3. Establish the role of victim advocates in Seattle's criminal justice system.	Lead: DSVPO Begin June 2005 — end December 2005		

* = New Resource



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2. Create and implement a victim safety inventory tool that can be used by victim advocates across the City's criminal justice system.	1. Review, pilot and promote an acceptable victim safety inventory tool with potential utilization across agencies. 2. Promote the use of the victim safety inventory by victim advocates, through training. 3. Interview advocates to gauge ways in which trainings have enhanced practice.	Leads: SCADVU, SMC – designated leads Begin January 2005 — end August 2005 Lead: DSVPO Begin June 2005 — end April 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victim Safety Inventory Tool Training and evaluation materials and training rosters. Report on safety analysis findings. 	Trainer: .1 FTE Trainer: .10 FTE*
3. Build and sustain a collaborative advocacy service plan for use across the City's criminal justice system.	1. Obtain leadership support from the DVPC. 2. Determine resource needs. 3. Name Coordinator. 4. Create guidelines for the advocacy service plan similar to existing KCCADV co-advocacy agreements/best practices. 5. Build DV advocate partnerships that commit to working together. (See	Lead: DSVPO/VST Begin June 2005 — on-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy service plan that includes communications strategy and working agreements. Annual report that provides updates on plan implementation. 	Planning & Development Specialist: .2 FTE



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Expected Outcomes

1. Enhanced victim advocacy services provided by highly skilled victim advocate workers with the City of Seattle's Criminal Justice System.